

Committee on Committees selection for student appointments drawing near

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The Student Senate's Committee on Committees is nearing its task of filling 83 student positions on 28 different University committees that advise everything from University-wide academic requirements to policies of the Museum of Art.

Although the official deadline for committee applications was Oct. 16, and some committees are already filled, students may still apply for committees that are still open, according to student senator and committee member Pieter Paulson.

Paulson said that many of the more active committees have already been filled, such as the Academic Requirements Committee, the Student Financial Aid Advisory Committee and the Curriculum Committee. However, other committees may have open positions all year long.

After the Committee on Committees makes its recommendations, they are forwarded for approval to ASUO President Kasey Brooks. Brooks then forwards the nominees for approval to University President

Paul Olum. Olum's office checks the nominees for academic standards.

A student on academic probation cannot serve on a University committee. However, Paulson said it is rare for a nominee to be rejected by Olum, since the Committee on Committees tries to discover students' eligibility before nominations are forwarded.

Paulson said that "a couple" of applicants have already withdrawn due to academic requisites.

Jon Kisling, senate vice president, is the committee chairman. Other members are senate Chairwoman Karen Frymoyer, ASUO Vice President Karen Gaffney, and ASUO University Affairs Coordinator Tim Regan.

Applicants are chosen according to past experience, how well the application is written and who one's references are, Paulson said. Priority goes to student senators and returning committee members.

Although it is in the ASUO president's power to veto the committee's recommendations, Paulson said "the Student Senate would feel it to be a major affront if we were vetoed." But he added that he was not expecting that to happen.

Originally, Paulson was named as committee chairman. But Student Senate Vice Chairman Kisling is now the committee's chairman because ASUO President Kasey Brooks argued that the committee was in violation of the ASUO Constitution. The constitution spells out that the vice chairperson of the Student Senate must serve as chairperson of the Committee on Committees.

Kisling noted that although he is officially the committee chair, Paulson continues to do most of the work.

The committee chairperson in the past has been elected by the Student Senate instead of automatically going to the Senate's vice chairperson. In effect, past years' student representatives to University committees have been chosen in violation of the ASUO Constitution.

Although a common complaint of University committee members is that many committees seldom meet and seldom do anything of note, Paulson said that is not always the case. Sylvia Shannon, last year's student representative to the Library Committee was instrumental in expanding University Library hours during both dead and finals week.

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City Attorney John Arnold said summarizing a complicated initiative is difficult, and this initiative is so poorly written it is ambiguous. He said the language of the summary reflects the language of the initiative, which is confusing.

For example, the initiative uses both "City Council" and "City of Eugene," he said. The appellants complained that using "city authority" in the title was misleading and the words "City Council authority" should be substituted.

Arnold said the City Council should consider the summary as a whole, which is clearly neutral, and not just specific words in the summary.

Most City Councilors disagreed with the appellants' complaints and one councilor suggested they redraft their initiative to make it more clear. The council voted 6-1 against the appeal.

The initiative's organizers said they hope to start collecting the 5,520 signatures required to put the initiative on the May 1988 ballot next

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